30 January, 1906.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your favor of 29th inst. with enclosed check for $84. in payment for the plot of ground at Fifth and Arch Streets burial ground, sold to you as executor yesterday. Enclosed I herewith send you the deed duly executed.

Yours very truly,

John C. Bowman, Esqr.,

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May 9, 1906.

William White, Jr., Esq.,

713-714 Arcade Bldg., Phila.

My Dear Mr. White:-

In behalf of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania I write to ask your kind consideration and that of the Authorities of Christ Church in reference to the expenses of copying, comparing and indexing the old records.

When the Genealogical Society agreed to index all of the records of the Church, provided they were permitted to make at their own expense a duplicate copy from the records for preservation in the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, it was presumed of course, that the part of the copy theretofore made by the Authorities of the Church was accurate, but the records were so voluminous that it was discovered that the copyist not possibly being sufficiently trained to the work, made a great many errors and the Genealogical Society has therefore been compelled to correct these errors in Christ Church copy and thereby had thrown upon itself much more labor and expense than would otherwise have been entailed. Besides, the Society proposes not only

to index the records but to give to the Authorities of the Church a copy of the index, which will save the Church Authorities possibly three or four hundred dollars, because the index will be an exceedingly bulky mass of manuscript.

Furthermore there is a matter which I desire to bring to your attention and which is of vast importance, because it justifies the expense being incurred in making the copies which are now being made and of making them with great accuracy under skilled supervision. This matter is the fact that the original records of the Church have been falsified and entries have been erased. For instance, if you look in the volume of the Christ Church Baptisims from 1763 to 1810 page 197, you will find an erasure. The entries have been very skilfully taken out, apparently by the use of acid. The erased entries are as follows:-

22 April- Mary, dau. of John and Mary Duffield,
1784 born 12 Nov. 1783.

22 April- Mary, dau. William and Elizabeth McMullen
1784 born 24 March, 1784.

The fact that these entries have been erased is proved because they are in the copy made by the late Charles R. Hildeburn, and can be otherwise substantiated.

In order to discover mistakes like these, it has been necessary to have the original records compared not only with

Hildeburn's copy; with the copy made by the employees of Christ Church, but also with the copy made by the Genealogical Society, and with the printed records of the Church, and as you can see, such comparisons were required to be made by those familiar with the names occurring in the early history of Philadelphia. Miss Leech, the Assistant Librarian of the Historical Society has worked upon the records, also Miss Bunting, the regular copyist of the Genealogical Society, and also Miss Christy.

The conclusion of the whole matter is that the Genealogical Society completely exhausted its general funds last year, and I am asking for contributions to meet the expenditures, and as I mentioned to you before the Society believes that under the circumstances above referred to, the Authorities of the Church should assist in thiswork. I estimate that the additional expense to which the Society was put, beyond that originally contemplated amounts to about $250. and if you could see your way clear to make this contribution to the Genealogical Society you would help that Society in meeting the expenditures which would be enuring directly to the benefit of Christ Church, by placing its records beyond all reasonable possibility of loss by fire,

and beyond all possibility of being tempered with or falsified in any way. No erasure could be made unless the original record and the two copies were all accessible for the purpose.

I remain

Yours very sincerely,

Wm. R. Jones

Treasurer

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Philadelphia, Pa., November 13, 1906.

Wm.
~~W.~~ White, Esq.,
Arcade Bldg.,
Phila., Pa.

My Dear Sir:

I was instucted by the Committee at its last meeting to say that the Treasurer, Francis Rawle, Esq., 328 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, is now ready to receive such check as you may care to send for the expenses of the James Wilson Memorial Committee.

Checks of $100 each have been received so far from Dr. Samuel Dickson, Senator Knox, State Senator Sproul, Israel W. Morris, Dr. C. C. Harrison, Attorney-General Carson, and Francis Rawle, Esq.

In order that you may get some idea of the extent of the program I will make the following statement:

On Monday, November 19th, the Governor and party leave for Edenton, N. C., where they are met by Governor Glenn, Chief Justice Clark and other State officers and societies and dedicate a tablet to the memory of Wilson. They will leave Norfolk accompanied by a distinguished Guard of Honor from the Society of the Cincinnati of which Wilson was an Honorary Member. The party will reach Norfolk at 2 o'clock and the U. S. S. "Dubuque" will receive the casket with the Secretary of the Committee in charge and depart for Philadelphia. The Governor and party will proceed to Wilmington, Del., where they will board the "Dubuque" and arrive in Philadelphia about 3 o'clock on the 21st instant, where they will be met by the Mayor and representives of the Councils and a company of U. S. Marines and Sailors, who will accompany the casket to the Declaration Room in Independence Hall.

The casket will lie in state until the following day.

At 1.30 sharp on Thursday, the 22nd, a procession, escorted by the First City Troup, will form and proceed to Christ Church. At Christ Church the following program will take place after religious services directed by Bishop Mackay-Smith:

1.- Chairman Dickson, in introducing the Governor, who will preside, will give a five minute tribute to Wilson, for the Bar of Pennsylvania
2.- Governor Pennypacker, presiding, will give the tribute of the State.
3.- Dean Lewis, a like tribute of the University.
4.- Judge Alton B. Parker, President of the American Bar Association, the tribute of the American Bar.
5.- Andrew Carnegie, the tribute of Scotch-Americans.
6.- Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, the tribute of American Literature.
7.- Senator Knox, the tribute of Congress.
8.- Justice White, the tribute of the Supreme Court of the United States.
9.- Attorney-General Moody, special representative of the President, the tribute of the American people.

Following these five-minute tributes will be the Memorial Address on the life of Wilson by Attorney-General Carson, Historian of the Supreme Court of the United States.

In the evening distinguished guests from abroad will be received by the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, who will tender them a banquet.

During these Memorial days an article on Wilson will appear in one of the leading periodicals.

Sincerely yours,

Burton Alva Konkle

Secretary of the Wilson Committee.

Hon. Geo. Gray
Joseph Buffington.

OFFICIAL LIST OF THE JAMES WILSON MEMORIAL COMMITTEE.

I.- Public Officials: Hon. Samuel W. Pennypacker, Governor of Pennsylvania; Hon. Hampton L. Carson, Attorney-General of Pennsylvania; Hon. William C. Sproul, State Senator and presiding officer of the Senate at the time of his election; Hon. Harry F. Walton, Speaker of the House of Representatives; Hon. James T. Mitchell, Chief Justice of Pennsylvania; Hon. Boies Penrose, and Hon. P. C. Knox, United States Senators; Hon. H. H. Bingham, M. C.; Hon. George M. Dallas, and Hon. John B. McPherson, Judges of the United States Court, and Hon. John Weaver, Mayor of Philadelphia.

II.- Executors of the last heir of James Wilson, Miss Hollingsworth, and her relatives: Israel W. Morris, Esq.; Effingham B. Morris, Esq.; Dr. J. Cheston Morris; Galloway C. Morris, Esq.; The Misses Anne C. and Susan Carson; The Misses Anna and Mary H. Stewardson, and Mrs. Caroline H. and Miss Letitia A. Humphreys.

III.- Organizations or Officers of Organizations: Dr. C. C. Harrison, Provost, for the University of Pennsylvania; Dr. William Draper Lewis, Dean, for the Law School; Dr. Samuel Dickson, Chancellor, for the Law Association of Philadelphia, Chairman; [redacted] White, Esq., Warden, for Christ Church; Bishop Whitaker, of the Episcopal Church; President Edgar F. Smith and Secretary Dr. I. Minis Hays, of the American Philosophical Society; John B. Colahan, Esq., (President at the time of his appointment), and Secretary William H. Staake, of the Pennsylvania Bar Association; President Allegheny Co, of the Pittsburg Bar Association; President Brown of the Lawyers' Club of Philadelphia; President Cadwalader of the Sons of the Revolution; President Boyd of the St. Andrew's Society.

IV.- Citizens of Pennsylvania: Hon. E. S. Stuart, Governor-Elect of Pennsylvania; Hon. George Shiras, Jr., the last Pennsylvania successor of Justice Wilson on the national Supreme bench; Judge Harry White of Indiana County, who advocated a statue to Wilson as far back as 1873; Dr. S. Weir Mitchell, who has advocated honors to Wilson ever since he described him in his "Hugh Wynne"; Francis Rawle, Esq., a founder of the American Bar Association; Alexander Simpson, Jr., Esq., a founder of the State Bar Association; Hon. Edward W. Biddle, who has written on Wilson's life at Carlisle, Pa.; William McLean, Jr., Esq., the Historian of the Law Academy; Lucien H. Alexander, Esq., of the Philadelphia Bar, and Burton Alva Konkle, of the Historical Society of Pennsylvania, Secretary of the Committee.

Dec. 10, 1906

Wm. Mastern Camac, Esq.,

2131 Walnut St., Phila.

My dear Mr. Camac:-

In the matter of the legacy of $75. annually, left by your sister, Mrs. Lewis, to Christ Church, on Oct. 1st, 1903, you sent me a check for $150. which, according to my note, was the payment of said legacy for the years 1902 and 1903, the same being payable on July 1st of each year. On July 9, 1904, I again received the $75., in July 1905, no payment was made, but in January, 1906, I received the said $75. Is not the payment due July 1st, 1906, now due? I think that when you went abroad a year ago Mr. Hall made payment of said legacy for the year 1905, but instead of paying July 1st, 1905, made payment of the same in January, 1906.

2131 Walnut St.

Dec. 15. 1906

Dear Mr. Whit

My Girton trust fund out of which the annuity to Christ Church Burying Ground is paid includes several items. For convenience sake it was found easier to pay them all in January of each year than

at several dates during the
year. I have not gone over
the account since my return,
but think this Explains Mr.
Hall; appearing to be in
arrears

Yr truly
W. M. Camac